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Examiner: Jason D. Prone

Group Art Unit 3724

In re Application of:
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: BANDSAW BLADE WITH
: CUTTING EXTENSION
: Attorney Docket No. 287108-00001

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Response is being filed in response to the Office Action, dated April 29, 2003, the time for response being before May 29, 2003.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group II, the embodiment shown in Figures 4B, 5B, and 6B which is applicable to Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12, and 15-19.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated that some claims may be generic. The Examiner has not, however, identified the generic claims as suggested by MPEP 809.02(a)(A).

Applicant traverses on the ground that the species identified by the Examiner are not patentably distinct. In support of this traverse, Applicant submits the attached Declaration. The invention is defined by a saw blade structured to cut a channel and wherein each tooth has a cutting extension structured to cut a portion of the channel. The sum of the widths of the extensions must equal the width of the channel being cut. However, the layout of the extensions, as identified in the selection of species,

are merely variations on this theme. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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